



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

EDER

Serial No. 09/761,671

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: A DETAILED METHOD OF AND  
SYSTEM FOR MODELING AND  
ANALYZING BUSINESS  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Examiner:

Art Unit: 2163

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 41, line 16, please change "numeric and date field data" to --  
transaction data and item data extracted from numeric and date fields within the  
aforementioned databases (10, 15, 30, 35 and 40)--.

On page 41, line 22, please change "~~cumulative~~ total value, the period to  
period rate of change in value, the rolling average value and the time lagged  
value of each numeric item variable" to --summary data like cumulative total  
value; ratios like the period to period rate of change in value; trends like the